

- ✓ line 6, please insert -- ; -- after "AGA GA";
- line 7, please insert -- ; and -- after "TAG A";
- line 8, please insert -- ; -- after "CGGGCGCCACTGCTA";
- line 9, please delete "," after "comprising";
- line 10, please insert -- sequential -- before "nucleotides" and
- ✓ delete the "," after "nucleotides";
- line 12, please insert -- ; -- after "ATA AA";
- line 13, please delete "." after "CTT GA" and insert therefor ",";
- line 14, please insert -- . -- after "AGT".
- Claim 2, line 1, please change "Pair" to -- The pair --;
- line 2, please delete "," after "comprising";
- line 3, please insert -- sequential -- before "nucleotides";
- line 4, please insert -- ; -- after "AGA GA";
- line 5, please delete "," after "comprising"; and insert
- -- sequential -- before "nucleotides".
- Claim 3, line 1, please change "Pair" to -- The pair --; and delete
- " or 2" and insert therefor -- , -- .
- Claim 4, line 1, please change "Pair" to -- The pair -- ; and
- insert -- , -- after "claim 3";
- Claim 5, line 1, please change "Method" to -- A method --;
- line 3, please delete "any of claims 1-4" and insert therefor
- -- claim 1, --;
- line 4, please delete "and" after "reagents" and insert therefor
- -- , wherein -- .
- Claim 6, line 1, please change "Method" to -- The method --;
- line 7, please insert -- , -- after "TCT GTT";
- line 8, please change "on" to -- one -- and insert
- -- , -- after "label";
- line 9, please insert -- , -- after "conditions".
- Claim 7, line 1, please change "Method" to -- The method --.
- Claim 8, line 1, please change "Test" to -- A test --;

- line 2, please change "accroding" to -- according --; and
- please change the "," to -- ; -- after
- ("claim 1";
- line 5, please insert -- ; and -- after "label".
- Claim 9, line 1, please change "Test" to -- A test --, and
- insert -- , -- after the word "sample";
- line 2, please change "oligonucleotide" to --oligonucleotides --.

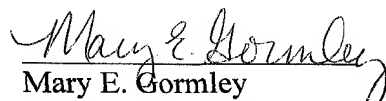
Please cancel claim 10, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

REMARKS

The specification and claims 1 - 9 are amended, and claim 10 has been cancelled, hereby. Claims 1 - 9 are presented for examination.

It is believed that claims 1 - 9 recite a patentable improvement in the art. Favorable action is solicited. In the event any fees are required with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2334.

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